

Dear Provider,

The Prescriber Tool is a multifunctional platform that will be accessible to prescribers through most electronic health record (EHR) systems. The goals of the Prescriber Tool project are to help improve health outcomes, reduce administrative burdens for prescribers, and better manage prescription drug costs. The Prescriber Tool will achieve these goals by providing patient-specific information to prescribers at the point of care.

The Prescriber Tool is being implemented in modules which will provide different types of patient information or functionalities.

Opioid Risk Module

The opioid risk module will be implemented first and is anticipated to be operational in January 2021. OpiSafe has been contracted to administer this module which will help prescribers prevent the misuse and abuse of opioids and benzodiazepines. The module will provide:

- Easy access to Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) data
- Identification of Opioid Use Disorders (OUD)
- Educational tools with access to evidence-based treatment
- Tools for overdose prevention

Additional modules are expected to be implemented by summer 2021, including a module that will provide real-time, patient-specific pharmacy benefit information.

Open Access License Program

Each prescriber must have an individual license to access the opioid risk module. The license will provide prescribers with access to information for all their patients including those not covered by Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program).

A limited number of user licenses will be awarded free of charge to qualified Health First Colorado prescribers to facilitate rapid adoption of the module. The subsidized license will be valid for one year, thereafter prescribers will need to pay an annual license fee to OpiSafe.

Note: Financial assistance via the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing is unavailable for any applicable EHR-related costs for accessing the opioid risk module.

The online application for the Open Access License Program will be available from January 2, 2021, through March 1, 2021, or until all subsidized licenses have been awarded.

The cost to prescribers for accessing the Prescriber Tool, once in operation will vary depending on the specific module(s) and EHR utilized. Visit the <u>Prescriber Tool Project</u> web page to apply for a user license or for more information.

Contact hcpf Colorado.SMAC@state.co.us for any questions or for more information.

Thank you,

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